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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2001. A Notice of Appeal was filed May 14, 2002. Filed concurrently with this Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time to respond (based upon the Appeal Brief due date of July 14, 2002).

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

--3. (Twice Amended) A saw blade, comprising:

an unset tooth;

a left set tooth;

a right set tooth;

wherein the left set tooth and the right set tooth are set to a right-and-left direction;

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